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For: SURGICAL DEVICES HAVING A POLYMERIC
MATERIAL WITH A THERAPEUTIC AGENT
AND METHODS FOR MAKING SAME

Examiner: G. Jackson

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 11, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks into the file of the above-entitled application. In accordance with USPTO practice, each section of this Response begins on a separate sheet.

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On November 12, 2004

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